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1. IN THE COURSE OF A WIDE-RANGING LUNCH CONVERSATION JULY 2, EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH NOTED THAT THE FRENCH INTEND TO CALL A SUMMIT MEETING DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD OF THEIR PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE SAID GISCARD MAY HAVE AGREED WITH SCHMIDT THAT THE GERMANS SHOULD NOT CONVENE A SUMMIT MEETING; BUT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOUBTED WHETHER GISCARD WOULD PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY

TO PRESIDE AT A SUMMIT MEETING HIMSELF.

2. AS FAR AS THE NATURE OF THE SUMMIT IS CONCERNED,
GUNDELACH SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT HAVE THE SAME CHARACTER
AS PARIS IN 1972 OR COPENHAGEN IN 1973. HE THOUGHT
THERE WOULD BE ONLY A FEW WELL-PREPARED ITEMS ON THE
AGENDA AND THE MEETING WOULD COME OUT WITH CONCRETE CONCLUSIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE SOME
DISPOSITION WITHIN THE NINE TO USE THE SUMMIT TO OBTAIN
A GENERAL COMMITMENT FROM THE BRITISH TO THE BASIC LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. BUT HE THOUGHT EVERYONE WOULD
RECOGNIZE THIS WAS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR THE LABOR
GOVERNMENT AND MIGHT THEREFORE BE WILLING TO POINT TO
BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF THE SPECIFIC RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT
AS EVIDENCE OF THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE EC LONG-TERM GOALS.
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